



HI-Q

THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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THE PREZ SEZ.....

(This space for rent. Contact Ian VA3RIM)

EDITORIAL INK.....

From the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English come these definitions:

“edit” – prepare an edition of (**another’s** work); set in order for publication (material chiefly provided by **others**)

“editor” - one who prepares the work of others for publication.....

This lesson in elementary English is to inform the membership that I am looking forward to being editor of HI-Q for a while. That is, preparing the work of others for publication in HI-Q. That assumes that others will submit work for editing **by the 20th of the month.**

In this issue, my thanks go out to **VE3XRC, VE3AXL, VA3WRL, VE3ZG, VA3JRS** and **VA3GOT** for emailing material for this edition of HI-Q.

If you hear or see something of interest then pass it along. If it comes from another source (e.g., magazine, newsletter) then include the name of that source. Email to: <dkimpton@tbaytel.net>

Finally, for those of you who were keenly anticipating the old Gestetner format that I used a few decades ago, my apologies. Bear with me as I struggle with Microsoft Works and Adobe Acrobat.

73 de ve3avs

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1997/1998 LARC

Founding President

P. J. (Pat) O'Shea VE3FW

LARC maintains the Club call VE3FW
to honour the memory of our first
President Mr. Pat O'Shea.

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Club Repeaters

VE3YQT 147.060 - OFFSET
VE3TBR 146.820 - OFFSET

Next Meeting – Annual Banquet
Saturday, February 12, 2000
6:00 PM symposium, 6:45 dinner
ORTONA LEGION

**Minutes of a Meeting of the LACR held in Room
207B at Confederation College, Thunder Bay,
Ontario, on January 13.**

**LARC ANNUAL
BANQUET**

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

SLOVAK LEGION

SYMPOSIUM 6:00 PM

DINNER 6:45 PM

**Contact VE3RVA Bob at
767-6924 for tickets.**

Tickets **must be **presold**. There
will be **NO** tickets at the door.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President, VA3RIM, Ian Mellis, with 27 members and guests in attendance. **Guest Speaker:** VA3RIM introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Sabah Mansour, Chair, Department of Electrical Engineering, Lakehead University. Dr. Mansour joined the Department in 1988 and

assumed the Chair in 1995. He gave us an overview of the engineering programs offered at Lakehead, especially the Electrical Engineering program which I five years in length. After the first three years, a student may graduate with a diploma. With an average of 70%, he may continue for another two years and obtain a degree. The students are required to complete a project in each of years four and five .. These projects may be of their own selection (approved by the faculty) or selected from a list provided by the faculty. It is possible that future projects could be related to amateur radio. Dr. Mansour suggested that LARC develop ideas for approval and then consideration by students. President Mellis thanked Dr. Mansour for his presentation.

Minutes of the meeting held December 9, 1999:

The minutes of the meeting were published in detail in the January edition of HI-Q and distributed to all members.

Motion: moved by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki, and seconded by VE3GTX, John Watson, that the minutes be accepted as distributed. **Carried.**

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: VA3JRS, Jan Sokolski

Balance Nov. 30, 1999	\$2,520.68
Income: Membership dues	140.00
Bank Interest	.04
50/50 Draw	<u>14.50</u>
Expenses: Telephone	79.99
Hi_Q	<u>27.10</u>

Balance as of December 31, 1999 \$2,568.13

Motion: moved by VE3GTX, John Watson, and seconded by VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Old Business: HI-Q ... Thanks to VE3SNW, Ed Baumann, for publishing the last two editions of HI-Q. Starting with the February edition, VE3AVS, Dave

Kimpton, will be editor.

Committee Reports:

Equipment: VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson, reported that one of the two telephone links has been disconnected (the one listed in the telephone book under VE3TBR). The Upsala repeater has been installed and seems to working well to a distance of approximately 80km west of Upsala. The new antenna for VE3YQT has not yet been installed. We are now working on a repeater for the Red Rock area and a full amateur station (VA3YQT) has been installed at the Thunder Bay weather office. The Dryden Amateur Radio Society has received permission from TransCanada Pipelines to install a repeater at their site 12 miles west of Ignace. They are presently securing equipment for this site.

ARES: VA3GOT, Randy Gottfred, thanked all who manned stations or who were on callout for possible Y2K problems. VE3's TKA and FAL manned the station at the weather office, VA3's GOT, MVR and VE3CLV were at the OPP detachment on Arthur Street, VA3's WRL and SAM were at the OPP site in Armstrong, while VE3's XRC and EMI set up shop at the OPP regional headquarters on Algoma Street. This exercise was a worthwhile experience and made a good showing to the respective agencies.

Public Service: VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki, announced two upcoming events. The first one is Saturday, February 19th, and Sleeping Giant Provincial Park where there will be sled dog races around Lake Marie Louise. Four to five operators are needed (Great opportunity to ski some of those beautiful Sibley trails – Ed.) The second event of the year is the annual Sibley Ski Tour to be held Saturday, March 4th. Twelve operators are need for this event (again, a great opportunityEd.) If you can help, call Norm Bell at 577-9316.

Classes: VE3SNW again will be conducting amateur radio licensing classes starting Thursday, January 20th. Thanks go to VE3HZW, Mike Wolowich; the classes were promoted twice on local television.

Annual Dinner: VE3RVA, Bob Hansen reported that to

date 23 people have purchased tickets for the **LARC Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 12th**. An interesting speaker has been lined up for this meeting (Difficult to top last year's, Bob...great work...Ed.)

New Business:

Renewal of RAC Membership: the club's membership in Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) is up for renewal.

Motion: moved by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki, and seconded by VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson, that we renew our membership in RAC. **Carried.**

50/50 Draw: won by VE3OPF, Axel Rehfuhs.

Adjournment: moved by VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki, that the meeting be adjourned.

The following email is reprinted as received via AXL and WRL (thanks guys...Ed.)

"Hello Phil – hope you are the one to ask this favor or if not, you will be able to forward it to the right person. News re **VE5AQ – Allan Davies of Moose Jaw**. He is my uncle (My Mom's brother) and is now living with his daughter (Karen Buck) in Toronto. He has been inducted into the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame this week and we are all very pleased. I would like to know where I can receive any publicity re this event, if there is anything in the local club news. I will also contact Ken Oelke who was the person who phoned Allan. Thank you, wishing you a happy day :-). **Bev Bishop**

Further comments from **VA3GOT, Randy** as we look back to the Y2K event....

"Many operators were involved in the Y2K preparations and manned several sites in Thunder Bay and area. Several sleepless hours were spent (Sounds like Field Day...Ed.) monitoring different frequencies on both vhf and hf (ops listed in minutes...Ed.) special thanks to VA3TBA, Chris, for welding base

plates for the antenna supports. Finally to all the operators in the surrounding districts that supported our cause and made our community a little more in touch, thanks to you. It is my wish that the year 2000 brings you health and happiness and a bright anew future. 73's de Randy VA3GOT E.C. Thunder Bay"

And from **VE3ZG, Mike....**

"Welcome all to the year 2000. It appears we all survived the supposed dreaded changeover from the 1900's without undue difficulty, with the exception of some computers getting a little confused. Mine went back to 1980 but a quick reset of the calendar fixed it with no effort. Thanks to those who spent the New Year's Eve with the OPP and Environment Canada here in town. I hear it was a very quiet night and apparently the refreshments made up for the lack of activity.

I listened around on two meters in Toronto, and the only net I found was completely inactive as far as problems were concerned.

New activities are coming up shortly for the Club. Dog Sled races out of Grand Portage, a new dog race at Sibley on Feb 19th going 20 Km around Lake Marie Louise.....our annual club dinner is on Feb. 12. It would be nice to see a large turnout for this event, as the food is great, the atmosphere enjoyable (food served in the atrium...Ed.) and hopefully we do not (?) get a snowstorm like the one last year.

There are some new calls on the air in Thunder Bay....**Harry, VA3BNO** (Beautiful Northern Ontario) and **Ryan Moore, VE3RMM**, as well as **Bob, VE4UX** (Ontario place with Manitoba call??). With all the nice fresh snow around, hope everyone is enjoying the lovely winter weather (now you're talking...Ed.) Mike"

From VA3JRS Jan....

"Hi Dave and Norm...new list of paid-up members:

VE3MPT Manuel Migueis

VE3ATC Leo Wehrstedt

VE3GWT Garry Michaluk

VA3MJG John Gratz

VA3BKB Kenneth Brown

VE3RMM Ryan Moore

Welcome to both old and new members here's hoping you can find some activities within the LARC that will hold your interest and allow you to become an **active** club member....your club dues go a long way to making a successful club ...that includes maintenance and updating of the club repeaters. (There are still a **few** repeater users whose membership dues are outstanding.....please make a deposit with Treasurer Jan ASAP!....Ed.)

This n' that.....

If you are a paid-up member of LARC, you should be getting your HI-Q via email. This is not only quicker but also saves the club postage money. Please send your email address via email to: <dkimpton@tbaytel.net>.

A correction to the membership list published in December HI-Q: **VE3TRE** **Gwen Sitch**

How're your limerick-writing skills?

Page 1 of the January issue gave a sample of what Ed VE3SNW is looking for in the first LARC Ham Radio Limerick Contest. It is open to **any** licensed amateur so our friends across the big pond Lake Superior) are welcome to enter, as long as they can send it via email.

Here's a quick sample, and with apologies to our tower erection specialist,
Norm Bell, VE3XRC:

*Have you noticed Norm's numerous erections?
They slowly arose section by section.
After a smoke and a cup,
Each eight-footer went up,
And he wore cowboy boots just for protection!!!*

Surely you can top this !!! Email your entries by **February 28th** to:

ebaumann@tbaytel.net

LARC ANNUAL SKI NITE

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17TH -7 PM

KAMVIEW NORDIC CENTRE

QsoXRC, WRL, AVS for further information. A night of fun for all skiers!

REPEATER NEWS AND UPDATES:

After making contact on YQT, try some of the newer repeaters around town for rag-chewing: 146.94 or 147.39

News from across the puddle.....(thanks W8FWG)

147.315 Calumet repeater - still experiencing intermittent noise, especially when it's windy (sounds familiar,eh?)

146.880 Hancock - all new repeater installed using existing cable, duplexers and antenna

146.670 Herman repeater - new antenna up 300 feet

News from down Highway 61.....

The January issue of the discharge (Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club newsletter from Duluth) arrived at the editor's door via courier (thanks AMY) and contains some interesting tidbits.

Activity on **6 meters** is on the rise in Duluth and area with two repeaters up and running (Duluth and Taconite) and a third planned for Mahtowa. The ARAC will be conducting net operations on **53.130** (minus offset) **Wednesdays at 2000** hours (that's 2100 hours Thunder Bay time). The Taconite repeater is on 53.050.

Miscellaneous.....minutes of the ARAC Board meeting as well as the ARAC general club meeting are both published in their newsletter. Can LARC directors summarize their meetings and insert the information into HI-Q? Let the general membership know how active the Directors are and what they are doing!

It appears that ARAC members were just as busy during the Y2K changeover as we were. Amateurs assisted in manning Dept. of Emergency Management offices as well as rural and small town fire departments and power substations. This goes to show that the public service aspect of our great hobby is universal.

Finally, the last page of the ARAC newsletter contains names and email addresses of its members. How do **you** feel about a similar printing in HI-Q??? Let one of the club officers know and the information can be fed back to your editor.

WHAT HAS RAC DONE FOR ME LATELY?

The last issue of TCA lists 50 things done by RAC volunteers on behalf of Canadian amateurs. Here are just a few sample items:

- provided the RAC tower papers for securing neighbourhood and municipal approval for a tower
- proposed a single certificate/license documentto be implemented by Industry Canada in Year 2000
- proposed 10-Metre operation for those with Basic plus 5 wpm, implemented by Industry Canada on Sept. 11/99
- developed an email alias address service for Amateurs to avoid the need to store hundreds of email addresses
- published new Study Guide for the Basic Exam and new RAC Operating Manual
- rejuvenated the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (and gave VA3GOT something to do in his spare time...Ed.)
- sponsored RAC Canada Day and RAC Winter contests, with new features in 1999 – bigger and better than ever
- successfully defended VHF/UHF bands from Little LEO threat, 1997
- developed and continuously updates the RAC Website with much information about Amateur Radio

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